

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 17-20 have been withdrawn. No claims have been amended and no new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the instant application is requested in light of the following remarks.

I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner asserted that pending claims 1-20 required restriction to one of two sets of claims as follows:

Group I, claims 1-16, or

Group II, claims 17-20.

While applicants do not necessarily agree that restriction is required in the instant matter, applicants nevertheless elect to pursue the claims of Group I, which includes claims 1-16, without traverse. Applicants have withdrawn claims 17-20 and will cancel such claims, as appropriate, upon indication of allowable subject matter in the remaining claims.

II. ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required for Group I an election of species of the first water insoluble substrate and second insoluble substrate for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. While applicants do not necessarily agree that election is required for this matter, applicants nevertheless provisionally elect a species of first water insoluble substrate that is a non-woven material and second water insoluble substrate that is a non-woven material. The claims readable upon such elected species are pending claims 1-16.

III. CONCLUSION

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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